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Nearing the End on Steps & Scaffolding

West Stairs to be Poured by End of April, Weather Allowing

Ed Welsh, McAlvain Construction

Superintendent, reports that they will pour another set (a landing and seven steps) tomorrow and then they have four more pours and should be

done. He predicts that the steps will be completely poured by the end of April, assuming cooperative weather *(see photo below of the west steps through the Senate Caucus Room window)*.

Exterior Masonry Repair Continues

Jan Frew, DPW Design / Construction Manager,

tells us that the Capitol Commission has prioritized repairs on the exterior of the State Capitol to best utilize what funds are available. Contracts for this phase were signed prior to the last Legislative session. The first priority is

to repair any stones that are posing a physical threat, such as being in danger of falling off of the building. The second priority is to repair any joints or cracks to stop migration of water that is getting into the stonework. They are starting at the top and working down; the parapet is in the worst condition because the water hits first on the top of the wall. The third priority is to replace the granite stones that are in



need of replacement at the base of the Capitol. Cleaning of the building will be delayed until the Legislature provides additional funding provisions. The only cleaning that will be done during this phase is the sponge-jet cleaning of the horizontal surfaces because much of the staining and growth on the horizontal ledges is covering up some of the mortar joints and places that need to be repaired.

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